GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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VRS IN BURN STANDARD COMPANY LIMITED
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have planned to go in for a joint venture to run BSCL;

(b) if so, the number of workers, employees and officers allowed to go on VRS in all the units of BSCL;

(c) whether the Provident Fund and Gratuity have been cleared to those on Voluntary Retirements;

(d) if no, when it is expected;

(e) whether a new project has been undertaken in Salem Unit of BSCL which will also be modernized; and

(f) if so, the total amount spent for closure of Refractory units and payment of VR amount alongwith other units where VRS was allowed, separately?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLAI KATHIRIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 31.3.2002, the number of employees separated is 3823 which include 2651 workers, 728 staff and sub-staff and 444 officers.

(c) & (d) Gratuity has been cleared to all the employees separated under Voluntary Retirement exceptfew cases where payment will be released on vacating Company`s quarters. The matter regarding release of Provident Fund is under consideration.

(e) Co-clinker Plant was taken up as a new project in terms of BIFR revival Scheme.The said plant has been set up in Salem Unit recently. Additional investment has also been made for modernization of existing facilities.

(f) Salem Works is an operating Unit and with the recent introduction of Voluntary Retirement Scheme, 530 employees of the Unit have been separated involving a total payment of Rs.17.16 crore.

The amount spent for closure of 7 loss making refractory Units for settlement of VRS dues of 934 employees during 2000-01 is Rs.17.40 crore. In addition amount spent for payment of salary and wages and statutory dues is Rs.4.95 crore.

The amount spent for separation of 3293 employees of other Units of BSCL through VRS during 2001-02 is Rs.117.69 crore.